

Appl. No. : 407,645
Filed : September 28, 1999

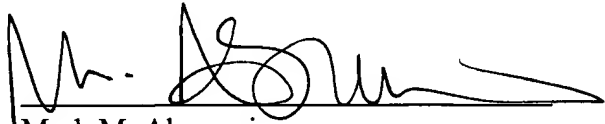
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that Claims 1 and 5-71 be allowed. If the Examiner finds any impediments to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

Dated: 3/6/00

By: 

Mark M. Abumeri
Registration No. 43,458
Attorney of Record
620 Newport Center Drive
Sixteenth Floor
Newport Beach, CA 92660
(619) 235-8550

S:\DOCS\MMA\MMA-1920.DOC
030300